### **Overview**

- The project will lower Farm Lane under two rail-road crossings: the Canadian National (CN) line just north of Service Road, and the CSX line just north of the commuter lot (Lot 89) at the corner of Mt. Hope Road and Farm Lane. The project involves widening Farm Lane between Mt. Hope Road and Wilson Road, including adding bike paths and pedestrian sidewalks. In addition, the road alignment will shift to the west to avoid any impacts to the Baker Woodlot.
- Eliminating the current at-grade railroad crossings on Farm Lane will increase safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists, and decrease response times for emergency vehicles. More than 1 million rail cars travel through this region each year. This could result in delays of 30 minutes or more per crossing.
- Lowering Farm Lane will improve access along this main north/south route through Michigan State University's campus. And it will enhance bus service to and from the commuter lot (Lot 89) as improved traffic flow allows buses to stay on schedule.
- Other Farm Lane project improvements include: the creation of new detention basins; watermain relocation; drainage improvements that include building new pump houses; landscaping; the reconfiguration of the commuter lot (Lot 89); relocation of Incinerator Road just north of the CSX tracks; and construction of two new service drives to be located just west of Farm Lane.
- The project is a joint partnership between Michigan Department of Transportation and Michigan State University. To minimize the disruption to motorists, commuters, and students, the project will be built in phases over two years.



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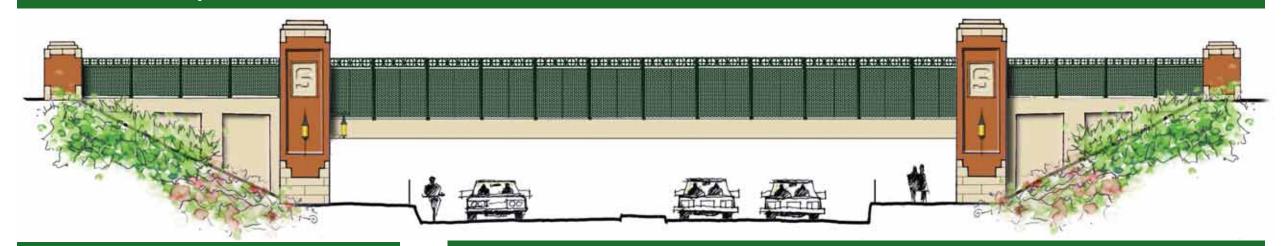
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# **Farm Lane Underpass**



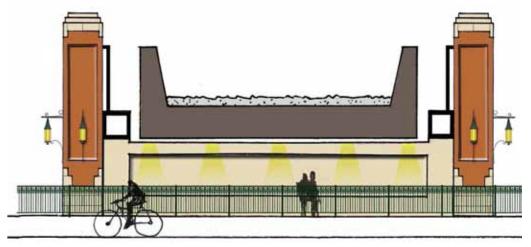
## PHASE 1 - October 2007 - Early Spring 2008

- Construction is expected to start in mid-October 2007.
- During this first phase, there will be minimal traffic disruptions on Farm Lane and Service Road.
- Construction will begin first on two temporary shooflies for the CN and CSX railroads. Shoo-flies are temporary railroad tracks being built parallel to the existing tracks so train traffic is not disrupted while Farm Lane is under construction in 2008.
- Two new storm water detention basins will be built near each of the railroad underpasses on Farm Lane. Water main and utilities will also be relocated as part of this first phase.

For more information, contact the Lansing Transportation Service Center at: 517-324-2260 or visit MDOT's Web Site at: www.michigan.gov/farmlane

### PHASE 2 - March 2008 - Summer 2009

- In this phase, Farm Lane will be widened to five lanes between Mt. Hope Road and Wilson Road. In addition, bike lanes and sidewalks will be added along Farm Lane.
- Beginning in mid-March, Farm Lane will be closed to pedestrians and vehicles from Mt. Hope Road north to Trowbridge Road. All vehicular traffic will be detoured utilizing signed, local detour routes.
- In addition, the intersection of Service Road and Farm Lane will be closed with a detour posted.
- The intersection of Trowbridge Road and Farm Lane will be open until approximately May 2008. At this time Farm Lane, between Trowbridge Road and Wilson Road, will be closed for construction and will remain closed until the end of the project.
- The commuter lot (Lot 89), on the corner of Mt. Hope Road and Farm Lane, will remain open during construction. However, pedestrian, vehicular and bus traffic will be rerouted while Farm Lane is under construction.



**Farm Lane Underpass - Section Elevation**